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C. & S. B. REGISTRY.

Special Branch S. 2. Station

REPORT

Date 18. 4. 1932

Subject (in full) Arms smuggling.

Made by D.S. Moore.

Forwarded by D.S. Moore

Regarding the information contained in the attached translation of a letter in French dated Batavia, March 10, 1932, bearing on the shipment of arms and ammunition to the China Seas. Information has been received that in the early part of March 1932, a large quantity of rifles, machine guns and ammunition were landed at Chuanchow, a small port north of Amoy, Fokien Province, on the instructions and at the order of General Chen K'uo-hui, Garrison Commander of Chuanchow. Details as to the amount of munitions landed are lacking, but it is known that they were discharged from a steamer flying the Norwegian flag, which vessel carried the name "Blodd" or "Bioll". Neither the "Blodd" or the "Bioll" are contained on Lloyds Shipping Register. The discharge of this cargo from the ship's hold took place a few miles outside Chuanchow under a strong escort of General Chen K'uo-hui's troops. Martial law was declared in Chuanchow during the actual time of landing and the streets of the town were guarded by troops until the escorted munitions had safely reached their destination at General Chen's headquarters.

Whether this consignment of arms is identical with that mentioned in the attached translation is difficult to say, but there is a big possibility that they are one and the same. Nothing is known in local maritime circles of any other big shipment of arms having been illegally landed on the China coast during recent months neither is anything known of the individual quoted as "Eris" in the attached translation.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

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Translation of an extract in French from the attached letter  
dated Batavia, March 10, 1932.

" About two months ago a cargo of arms was despatched from the  
the port of Hamburg in the direction of the Chinese sea, with the  
destination for a port of Borneo Island.

It is a matter of 2000 Mauser rifles, 7-9-87, as well as of one  
million rounds of ammunition.

It is a German ship carrying all kinds of merchandises and the  
arms are contained in cases of white wood, in the shape of a cof-  
fin, marked with a capital letter in black colour.

The ammunition is packed in soldered zinc boxes.

The trafficker is from Shanghai, "ERIS" by name, an individual  
without nationality, whose residence is unknown."

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